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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A throttle device comprising:
a throttle body defining an intake air path;
a valve member being rotatable for adjusting an amount of intake airflow flowing in the intake air path;

~~a motor, the motor comprising~~ including:

a yoke;

a cap;

a brush holder fitted to a receptacle defined in the yoke;

a brush held by the brush holder; and

~~a commutator, wherein the commutator is in slidable contact with the brush at a sliding contact portion,~~ wherein the motor generates torque to drive the valve member;

driving force transmission means having a plurality of gears, the driving force transmission means transmitting the torque generated in the motor to the valve member; and

shielding means provided on a driving force transmission means side of a ~~slidable~~ the slidable contact portion, ~~in which the brush and the commutator are in slidable contact with each other,~~ said shielding means extending laterally beyond a periphery of said receptacle for shielding the slidable contact portion.

2. (Currently amended) The throttle device according to claim 1, wherein the shielding means is ~~provided in~~ mounted to the yoke of the motor.

3. (Currently amended) The throttle device according to ~~claim 2,~~ claim 1, wherein the shielding means is ~~provided~~ incorporated in a brush the brush holder for

holding the brush, and the shielding means has a ~~first~~ shielding portion for shielding the slidable contact portion at the outside of the motor.

4. (Currently amended) The throttle device according to ~~claim 2, claim 1,~~ wherein the shielding means is ~~provided~~ incorporated in a brush ~~the brush~~ holder for holding the brush, and the shielding means has a ~~second~~ shielding portion for shielding the slidable contact portion at the inside of the motor.

5. (Currently amended) The throttle device according to ~~claim 2, claim 1,~~ wherein the shielding means ~~has~~ comprises a tape member stuck on the motor, for covering ~~a brush~~ the brush holder for holding the brush.

6. (Original) The throttle device according to claim 1, wherein the shielding means is provided in a transmission means housing chamber for housing the driving force transmission means.

7. (Currently amended) The throttle device according to claim 6, wherein the shielding means has a ~~third~~ shielding portion disposed between an engagement portion of the gears of the driving force transmission means and the motor.

8. (Original) The throttle device according to claim 1, wherein the motor is disposed at a lower side of at least one of the plurality of gears.

9. (New) The throttle device according to claim 2, wherein the shielding means has a shielding portion disposed adjacent an outer surface of the yoke of the motor.

10. (New) The throttle device according to claim 2, wherein the shielding means includes a shielding portion disposed adjacent an inner surface of the yoke of the motor.

11 (New) The throttle device according to claim 1, wherein said shielding means is integral with the brush holder and disposed inside of the yoke.

12. (New) The throttle device according to claim 1, wherein said shielding means includes an arched shielding portion.

13. (New) The throttle device according to claim 1, wherein said shielding means includes first and second shielding portions, said first shielding portion being disposed outside said yoke and said second shielding portion being disposed inside said yoke.

14. (New) The throttle device according to claim 13, wherein said first shielding portion and said second shielding portion are integrally formed with the brush holder.

15. (New) The throttle device according to claim 5, wherein said tape member shields the side of the slidable contact portion facing the throttle gear at the outside of the yoke.

16. (New) The throttle device according to claim 1, wherein there is a clearance in a circumferential direction between at least a portion of the brush holder fitted to the receptacle and the yoke, and wherein the shielding means overlies said clearance to shield the same.

17. (New) The throttle device according to claim 1, wherein the brush holder is held between the yoke and the cap.